

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 60

Honolulu, Hawaii
February 10, 2015

RE: H.B. No. 291
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 291 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE SMALL CLAIMS DIVISION OF THE DISTRICT COURT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish exclusive jurisdiction of the Small Claims Division of the District Court over cases for the recovery of money in which the amount claimed is \$1,000 or less, exclusive of interest and costs; and
- (2) Expand the jurisdiction of the Small Claims Division to any personal property worth \$5,000 or less.

The Judiciary testified in support of this measure. One concerned individual testified in opposition.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 291, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading

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in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 291, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary,



KARL RHOADS, Chair



